

## South Dakota Sexual Assault Statistics

**Victims served in state annually: 1,500-2,000**  
In 2005, South Dakota ranked 4th in the country for the rate of forcible rapes committed.

## Uniform Crime Data

**Number of victims recorded 2005: 362**

Forcible rape is defined by the FBI as “the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults and attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are excluded”. This definition of rape is extremely limited, excluding male victims of sexual assault, incidents where physical force was not used, victims raped by family members, and only counting victims of vaginal/penile penetration.

## About the South Dakota Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

**What SDCASDV does:** Coalition building at the state, local, regional, tribal and national levels; support for the community-based nonviolent alternatives, such as safe home and shelter programs for battered women and their children; public education and technical assistance; policy development and innovative legislation focus on the leadership of SDCADVSA’s caucuses and task forces developed to represent the concerns of organizationally under-represented groups; and efforts to eradicate societal conditions which contribute to violence against women and children.

**Funding**  
**Pass through? Yes**

**Innovative Projects:** Silent Witness Exhibit—This exhibit is dedicated to using a visual message to further the cause of reducing violence against women and children.

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